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SD8 Affordability Access

Measurement #4 Update

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Background/Strategic Directive 8

- **Indefeasible Right of Use (“IRU”)**
- **Derived from 12 Policy Goals**
 - Continuing Public Ownership
 - Equitable and Affordable Access
 - Financial Stability
 - Economic Development and Educational Opportunities
 - Customer Privacy / Net Neutrality Principles
- **SD8 Purpose Statement**
 - *“Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) owns a hybrid fiber coaxial (HFC) network, portions of which it uses for its own operational needs and leases out the excess capacity to generate incremental economic value for the electric utility. The Telecom Strategic Directive directs the full utilization of the capability and capacity of the HFC network to ensure maximize return on investment, continued public ownership of the HFC network, and value creation for the public and communities served.”*

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Measurement:

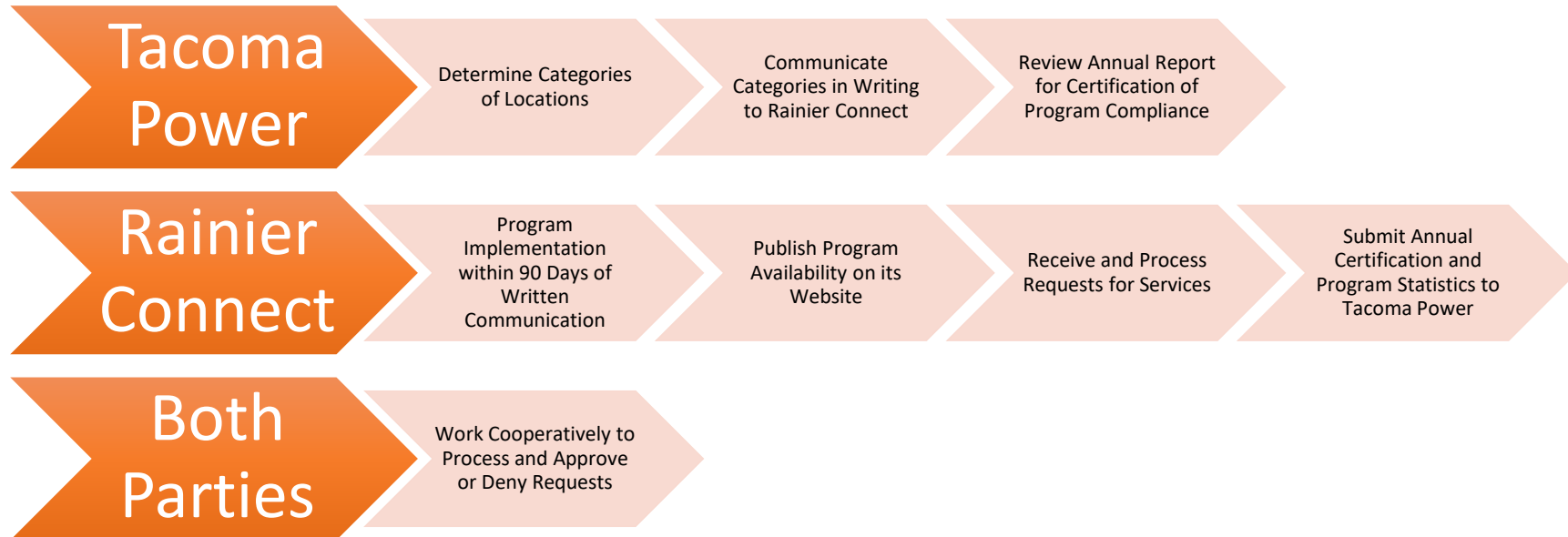
Free internet access (wired or Wi-Fi) to at least 30 locations that provide services to low-income members of the community, with published availability.

Status: Ongoing

- Student Connect Program
- Locations for Free Internet Access
- Annual Certification

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Roles and Responsibilities



Categories & Qualifiers

Factors considered

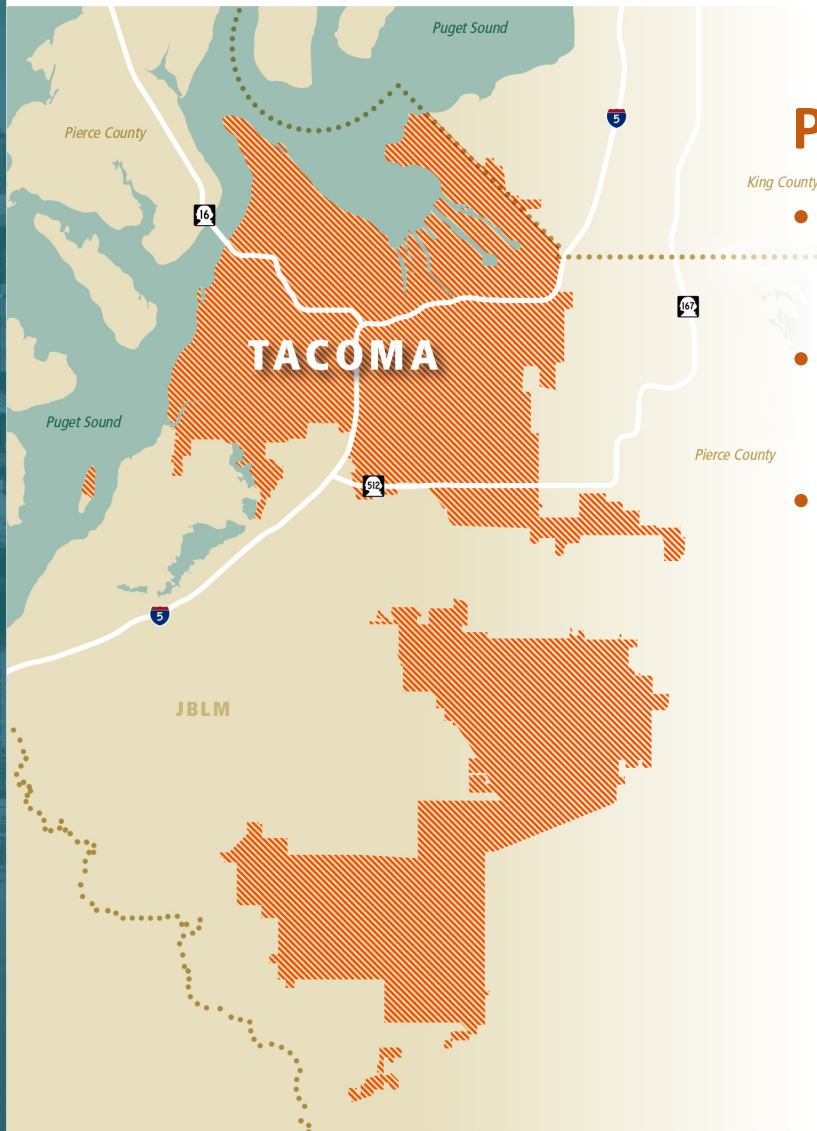
- Broadband equity/lower opportunity areas as identified by Tacoma Equity Index
- Public Sites
- Community safety
- Site security
- Near 24-hour access
- Existing service/System availability
- Proximity to public transportation
- Proximity to parks or community centers
- Proximity to education and service facilities
- Transitional housing facilities that provide single/family assistance to parents with school-age children
- Homeless care facilities

Path Forward to New Locations

Next steps

- PUB feedback on location categories
- Coordination with Rainier Connect on system feasibility
- Community engagement throughout our service territory to inform types of categories
- Report out as part of 2023 SD8 update

Questions/Comments?



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